

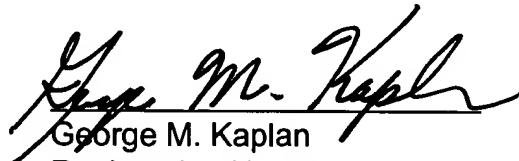
It is noted Claim 50 is regarded as generic to Figs. 2-4 in paragraph 1 of the Office Action. However, it is respectfully pointed out Claim 50 is directed to the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 2. More specifically, Claims 21-24, 30-34 and 38-43 are generic to Figs. 2-4, with Claims 27, 28, 44, 45 and 50 specifically directed to the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 2.

Another copy of Form PTO-1449 attached to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed August 20, 2001 is enclosed. It is respectfully requested that receipt of the Japanese patent abstract be acknowledged upon Form PTO-1449, together with receipt of DE 3820170 cited in the first Information Disclosure Statement (another copy of this Form PTO-1449 is also enclosed).

A Petition for an automatic one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed in triplicate together with the requisite petition fee.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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